

## CITY'S POPULATION MAY PASS 100,000

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ent organization and administration. I am not in a position to give detailed suggestions as to a solution of many problems which are facing this area, but it is my considered judgment that perhaps the most important activity which could be undertaken at the present time would be the immediate preparation of adequate planning and zoning controls for the protection of the people and of the present many desirable areas in this county and city. This is also necessary to prevent further undesirable effects due to the defense program and to provide for an orderly and economic growth of the city and the county in the future. A serious study of the city and county indicate clearly the need for proper planning, zoning, subdivision control and other protective and restrictive measures.

"It was not so long ago that Market street in Wilmington was an attractive residential street and one of the finest in the country. Undirected growth of filling stations, of commercial and retail establishments has destroyed residential values, and is contributing to a serious traffic hazard. It is turning a once beautiful street into an ugly and undesirable municipal hazard. The erection of a supermarket now in process will add to the traffic hazard and to the destruction of values. No space has been provided for adequate parking and there are no side

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yard restrictions preventing the new building from encroaching on neighboring properties. Filling stations, stores and shops scattered through residential districts rapidly break these districts down and we can see before our eyes from building to building the undesirable effect of uncontrolled development of this city.

"In 1930 the population of Wilmington and the county was 43,010. From then to 1940 this population had increased by only 4,925. The General Motors Company estimates that by January, 1942, the population of Wilmington will be 140,000, and Dun and Bradstreet estimates 110,000, estimates which indicate the doubling of the 1940 population within one year. Citizens of Wilmington are well aware of the rapidly increasing housing, both public and privately financed, is being erected both within the city limits and in areas immediately adjacent to the city. There have been demands made already for the incorporation within the city limits of many of the new areas recently developed. It is important to realize, that however much such incorporation may be of real assistance to the city in terms of tax returns, that the city and county will have to supply added police and fire protection, added recreational facilities, and further sanitation and sewage disposal, not only for these new areas but to meet this huge increase in population and the demands such population will make on already overloaded municipal services. Further demands of course will be made on school and health facilities. Throughout the country we have seen the destructive tendencies of uncontrolled overcrowding within the city limits and uncontrolled suburban growth. Overcrowding in old houses contributes seriously to problems of health and public morals and uncontrolled subdivision expansion contributes to traffic hazards, to improper use of land, and to congestion as well as to inefficient public services. One development now in process of completion immediately adjacent to the city limits is the building of approximately 176 houses which are much too close together for adequate health, safety and privacy. There are no regulations to prevent this. Such a section of the community will have no lasting value.

"Another serious example of lack of foresight and planning can be pointed out at the Isaac Bear school. The Wilmington papers have pointed out the serious traffic hazard connected with the location of this and other schools on the main highways and have urged some traffic controls. However, proper school planning locates all schools away from the constant hazards of major highways and places them in the center of residential districts eliminating the necessity for children to cross major streets and reducing as much as is possible the terrible traffic toll. In addition to this there is no control in undesirable use of land immediately adjacent to schools in Wilmington. Using the same example of the Isaac Bear school, there is a gasoline station immediately adjacent to it fronting on Market street which is a hazard to school children and a nuisance to classroom work. There is nothing to prevent the construction of another gasoline station across the street and there is nothing to prevent the erection of taverns or other undesirable structures immediately adjacent to the city schools.

"The new housing projects are going to require shopping centers. There are no provisions for the orderly development of new stores and necessary service buildings for these structures and the sporadic and unsightly development which is natural to both. The new com-

munities in this and in other areas will have no positive beneficial effect on the city as a whole but will tend to add to traffic problems and to general neighborhood problems as well. In addition to these obvious defects due to lack of planning and foresight there is question as to whether or not most effective use will be put to new sewers and new water supply systems which may be supplied the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county in the near future through state and Federal assistance, simply because there is no plan for street expansion which these new services and facilities could be tied into. The proper answer to the location of these facilities is more than a mere engineering problem. It is a problem connected with density of population and with location of commerce and industries and with the proper expansion of these. Such density of population and location of industries and other places of work is the concern of all citizens and of the local governments. The mature judgment of experts and city officials is needed for the proper determination of these factors.

"It may be impossible in the near future to properly locate new hospitals, new schools, and utilities, according to population movement estimates determined on an accurate and scientific basis. But every means should be taken to provide the city and county at the earliest possible time with the organization and the powers to meet future needs both for defense and for other purposes.

"In times of emergency it is often difficult to obtain accurate information sufficiently in advance to do adequate planning. However the city and county should be in a position to act quickly with uniform opinion on such important matters. Its action based on the mature judgment of men who are trained and are accustomed to working in the field of municipal and county improvement.

**Suggested Organization**

"There should be established in the city of Wilmington and in New Hanover county a planning commission organized under state statute to prepare a master plan for the city and the county and to assist in the establishment of the ordinances and controls which are permitted the city and the county by state legislation. Such an organization will have its major activities within the city limits since at present there is no zoning or planning for counties provided by state statute. However, at a later date it may be possible for an organization to extend its services. Such a planning commission should be under the direction of five able and active citizens who are seriously concerned with the future development of the area and some who have the technical knowledge and background to direct the operations of the organization. There should be employed at least one full time trained technician to act as city planner and secretary to the commission and he should have full-time stenographer as his assistant. Further technical assistance should be sought from city and county departments and from the WPA in the development of a research and mapping program. Office space would be required and funds for equipment and material. A minimum expenditure of \$5,000 per annum is estimated, in order that the services of a trained technician and secretary be obtained and in order that proper research and publication of material can be carried on. Such an expenditure would prove a great saving to the city in the long run. It would provide a continuous service to every municipal department, to the mayor, city manager, and city council, and to the citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover county in assuring them a sound development of these communities and in providing the protection and control which are the just due of every citizen."

## REVENUE MEASURE SIGNED BY F. D. R.

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for single persons. This provision is estimated to raise \$303,000,000, of which \$49,000,000 will be paid by new taxpayers. The remainder will come from individuals already paying income taxes.

In addition to the income tax, citizens will feel the pinch of the new act in numerous other ways. Starting next February, for instance, an estimated 32,000 motorists will pay a \$5 annual use tax on their vehicles. Starting October 1, local telephone bills will be taxed 6 per cent and a score of so-called "nuisance" taxes will go into effect.

The latter include 10 per cent levies on everything from refrigerators to luggage; from jewelry to business machines, from optical equipment to sporting goods.

In addition, there is a 5 per cent transportation tax on tickets costing more than 35 cents. That will be effective October 10.

The individual and corporate income taxes will be effective on this year's income; higher estate levies are effective immediately, and increased gift taxes go into effect January 1.

Of the total revenue provided in the measure, congressional experts estimated that \$1,144,600,000 would come from individuals; \$1,382,100,000 from corporations; \$179,900,000 from capital stock, estate and gift taxes, and \$846,800,000 from excise and miscellaneous taxes.

## U. S. LIVING COSTS HIT 10-YEAR PEAK

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centrated, workers have received a substantial margin in real wages above beyond the rise in living costs, economists say.

The rise in the cost of living is largely the story of the rise in retail food prices.

## Jaycees Accept Membership In Senior Chamber Of Commerce

Acceptance of its invitation to membership in the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has been voted by the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was announced yesterday by A. E. Jones, president of the senior organization. The junior group has designated Claud O'Shields, its president, to serve as its representative on the senior board of directors.

The closer alignment of the two important civic groups—junior and senior—evoked an expression of great satisfaction from Mr. Jones. He praised highly the spirit which prompted the senior board to invite the junior group to affiliate more closely and applauded the

## BULGARIA PLANS TO ENTER THE WAR

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Bulgaria would also get a protectorate over Thrace—the Greek and Turkish lands at the southern end of the Balkan peninsula.

Military sources put Bulgaria's total war strength at 500,000 men in the army. The Bulgarian navy and air force are virtually nonexistent, having been forbidden by the World War Treaty of Neuilly, whose restrictions were only lifted by the Treaty of Salonika signed with the Balkan Entente powers in 1938.

Until 1938 Bulgaria was permitted to have an army of only 20,000 men, all volunteers. Since May, 1940, military service has been compulsory for men between the ages of 17 and 65, who were eligible for two years' service.

Bulgaria was reported to have had 100,000 men under arms at the beginning of the year but later demobilized some to harvest crops. Partial mobilization was ordered Sept. 15, with the calling up of the class of 1921 and part of the classes of 1922 and 1923.

Twenty-seven high-ranking officers were retired last December for desiring to enter the war on the side of Germany.

## AIRPORT WORK WILL START HERE MONDAY

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two paved runways from 3,000 to 5,000 feet in length, and one from 2,200 to 4,000 feet. It is understood that an additional large hangar may be erected. High-powered lights also will be added.

Several persons conversant with the situation have stated that when the improvements to Blueenthal airport have been completed, it will be as modern as any in the south. Several airlines who are bidding for the privilege of flying a proposed new New York to Florida route, have stated they will make Wilmington a stopping point. They include Eastern Airlines, National Airlines, Pennsylvania-Central Airlines, and Canadian-Colonial Airlines.

Officials of the Pennsylvania-Central and National recently visited Wilmington, and it is expected that representatives of the others also will inspect the city and airport in the near future. When the improvements have been completed, it has been stated that the United States Army may make use of the field for landing and taking off planes, but not for training purposes.

## EXECUTIONS STIR VICHY GOVERNMENT

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French could deal with the problem of opposition themselves. In addition to the three death sentences, two persons were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor, one in absentia, and a number of others were sent to jail for shorter terms without hard labor.

A number of persons were acquitted, including five women.

## TWELVE KILLED IN PARIS, GERMAN-Occupied

France, Sept. 20.—(AP)—A dozen Frenchmen went before a German firing squad today in a twelve-lives-for-one reprisal.

This mass execution of hostages was a ratio increase in punishment of the Paris population for acts against the occupying force and was the occasion for a warning that the reprisals would be further stepped up in the event of more attacks against German soldiers.

The 12 died in retaliation for an attack in which one German non-commissioned officer was killed early last Tuesday. It was the largest number of hostages yet shot and raised the total to 25.

The ratio which previously had stood for reprisals was three hostages executed for each German attacked. None of the other Germans was killed, however.

## PROBE OF MOVIES MAY BE RETARDED

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ways have been paid without question. In view of these precedents, Chairman Clark (D-Iowa) of the interstate commerce subcommittee insisted that his group had ample authority to continue its hearings and, in fact, was obligated to do so.

Within six or seven years it may be possible to drive all the way to South America on good highways.

## REISER HEADED FOR TOP PLACE

Brooklyn Novice Is Leading National League's Best Sluggers

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Two-gun Pete Reiser, a ring-leader of the Brooklyn Dodgers although playing his first full season in the majors, seems certain of gaining the batting championship of the National league. His current average is .335.

Virtually all opposition to his claim vanished this week when Johnny Hopp of the St. Louis Cardinals went into an astounding slump and made only four hits in seven games.

He nose-dived from second place at .325 clear out of the select society of the 10 leading hitters, and landed at .309. Teammate Johnny Mize dropped from .323 to .317, but still left him in a deadlock with Stan Hack of the Chicago Cubs for second place. Behind them were Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and John Cooney, Boston, .316; Arky Vaughan, Pittsburgh, .314; Nick Etten, Philadelphia, .313; Dixie Walker, Brooklyn, and Enos Slaughter, St. Louis, .311; and Danny Litwiler, Philadelphia, .310.

## BATTLE CONTINUES IN KIEV SECTION

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of Kiev in a blitzkrieg operation, German dispatches reported today, while Nazi armies rushed forward to carve out the heart of European Russia's industrial system, the rich Donets Basin.

As Germans marked up their greatest victory to date in their 91-day war in the east, authoritative sources disclosed that Adolf Hitler's five-point purpose in invading the Soviet on June 22 included annihilation or capture of the last trained Russian soldier and paralyzation of Russia's centralized government.

**German River**

The Dnieper for all practical military purposes is now a German river, said German quarters, who declared the thin band thrust far east to encircle Kiev had now been strengthened.

The breaking of resistance in Kiev was regarded as complete, although it was admitted a few snipers and isolated strongholds may have been overlooked in the first mop up.

A steady stream of prisoners is being produced by the encirclement operations east of Kiev, where one large town, ten trains and other material were reported taken despite wild Russian resistance and attacks to break out.

The Germans claimed their troops now occupied the eastern portion of Oesel Island, "Leningrad's natural Baltic fortress."

**Perfect Blitz**

Front line dispatches pictured the operation against the capital of the Ukraine as a perfect blitz, with the elements of surprise, terrific military power applied all in one place, and a localized campaign all fitting neatly into full-scale operation.

These dispatches declared the German infantry for weeks had been waiting within the outer ring of casemates protecting Kiev until large encirclement drives were worked out from the north and south.

In this respect, it was recalled that German dispatches reported in mid-July that the German armies were at the gates of Kiev. Nothing more was heard of this, however, until yesterday, when the high command first reported the entrance into the city.

When the hour struck for the final attack, German reporters said, every weapon in Germany's armory was released at once. Dive bombers thundered down on fortifications and strong points.

Flame throwers crept forward from house to house, shot their fire into windows from which snipers operated, and scorched out the defenders of gun turrets and bunkers.

Shells screamed into dugouts and trenches.

## WEATHER

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ture and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

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Ashville, N. C.	74	50	0.00
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Birmingham, Ala.	85	66	0.00
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Buffalo, N. Y.	59	49	0.00
Burlington, Vt.	72	36	0.00
Charlotte, N. C.	77	67	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	89	54	0.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	90	50	0.00
Cleveland, Ohio	80	56	0.00
Denver, Colo.	85	60	0.00
Detroit, Mich.	81	51	0.00
Duluth, Minn.	87	65	0.00
El Paso, Tex.	87	66	0.00
Fort Worth, Tex.	88	68	0.00
Galveston, Tex.	87	76	0.00
Harve, La.	82	45	0.00
Jacksonville, Fla.	79	69	0.00
Kansas City, Mo.	90	74	0.00
Key West, Fla.	85	75	0.00
Little Rock, Ark.	90	69	0.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	77	58	0.00
Louisville, Ky.	90	54	0.00
Memphis, Tenn.	90	70	0.00
Meridian, Miss.	86	65	0.00
Miami, Fla.	80	74	0.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	88	70	0.00
Mobile, Ala.	86	69	0.00
New Orleans, La.	84	74	0.00
New York, N. Y.	70	51	0.00
Norfolk, Va.	73	60	0.00
Pittsburgh, Pa.	74	54	0.00
Portland, Me.	64	54	0.00
Portland, Ore.	49	49	0.00
Richmond, Va.	75	62	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	92	60	0.00
San Antonio, Tex.	89	68	0.00
San Francisco, Calif.	67	54	0.00
Savannah, Ga.	88	64	0.00
Tampa, Fla.	87	73	0.00
Vicksburg, Miss.	90	63	0.00
Washington, D. C.	73	54	0.00
Wilmington, N. C.	81	63	0.00

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS ELECT HUX CHIEF

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Reynolds, for his failure to support the administration's foreign policy.

However, the convention adopted resolutions supporting the administration and urging the use of "all necessary means" to aid Great Britain and her allies where the aid is needed, and the maintenance of outposts "wherever necessary to keep the aggressor from our homeland."

Also adopted was a resolution thanking the state's congressional delegation for "faithful and able service," but a scattering of "no's" was heard when the vote was taken.

North Carolina's senior Senator, J. W. Bailey, speaking at a luncheon, asserted that "it is not beyond possibility that within 18 months, the Germans will realize that Hitler's ambitious designs were beyond him and them, and that his sun will set in some abandoned isle, if not in a fate far worse."

"Sooner or later morale will crack somewhere," he said, "and it must not be in Britain, nor shall it be in the United States of America."

The 1,500 to 2,000 delegates and visitors applauded his appeals, and those of other speakers, for support of the administration and for all possible aid to Britain and her allies.

## THREE-WAY TIE IN HURST MATCH

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Slammin' Sam Snead, first round leader in the \$7,500 Hurst Invitational golf tournament, blew himself into a three-way tie at 138 with two Ohioans—Billy Burke of Cleveland and Tony Penna of Dayton—at the 36-hole halfway mark.

The hillbilly from Hot Springs, Va., whose sparkling 64 set a new course record yesterday at the Torressdale-Frankford country club, put in an afternoon remodeling of his heart-breaking effort in the 1939 National Open here when he tossed away the title with an 8 on the final hole.

He went two over regulation figures on each nine and he needed a flock of sensational recoveries to stay that low. Most of the second day gallery of 5,000 waited.

Burke, National Open champion in 1931, tacked a one-over par 71 to his first round 67, while Penna, the Dayton pro, came home in even par to join the pro bracket.

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